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Lisbon Private Jeronimos Monastery, Belem Tower and Panoramic Tour



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🕒 Half Day
(Duration: 4h approx.)

📍 Lisbon

€ On Request
Best Rate

Discover Lisbon's captivating history on a half-day private tour, explore the renowned monuments such as the Jeronimos Monastery and the iconic Belem Tower. These historic landmarks bear witness to an era that profoundly influenced the world's course.

Highlights

- **Fully equipped** vehicle and English Speaking **Local Guide**
- Discover Lisbon's attractive **old architecture, hills** and **picturesque streets**
- Explore **Belem**, the charming district to the west of central Lisbon
- Visit the **UNESCO World Heritage site** of **Jeronimos Monastery**

General Overview

Country: Portugal
Region: Lisbon and Tagus Valley
City: Lisbon
Duration: Half Day (Duration: 4h approx.)

Type: Private Half Day Tours
Theme: City & Village Walks
Group Size: 1 - 18 People
Price from: €

Introduction

What Makes Lisbon a Unique Blend of History and Scenic Beauty?

Lisbon, Europe's **second-oldest capital**, holds a unique place in history. It follows Athens as the continent's oldest capital and has a rich heritage as the epicentre of exploration during the Age of Discovery. This city is home to **legendary explorers** such as Vasco da Gama, Ferdinand Magellan, and Prince Henry the Navigator, whose voyages left a deep trace throughout history.

This vibrant city can proudly claim the title of the first true world city, serving as the capital of a vast empire that ranged across all continents. From the lush Amazon rainforests of South America (Brazil) to Asia (Macao, China, Goa, India), Lisbon's influence reached far away. Its historic significance as the launch pad for many of these pioneering voyages is undeniable.

Lisbon is definitely one of **Europe's most soulful, captivating and picturesque capitals**, built on a series of hills with **scenic vistas** from every angle. That's why it is often called the "City of the Seven Hills". This city is not just Europe's second-oldest capital; it's a captivating destination that sits atop these picturesque hills. Its elevated vantage points which are São Jorge, São Vicente,

Sant'Ana, Santo André, Chagas, Santa Catarina, São Roque offer stunning views of the beautiful **Tagus River**, creating a mesmerizing backdrop for your visit. Explore Lisbon's historic charm, its legacy of exploration, and its panoramic beauty – all from the heights of its seven iconic hills.

Discover Lisbon's Historical Sites and Well-Known Gastronomic Treats

Belem is the charming district to the west of central Lisbon and is the setting for many of the **capital's most iconic tourist attractions**. The Belem district makes for an enjoyable half-day excursion and combines historic monuments, fascinating museums and attractive formal gardens, all of which line the cooling waters of the Tejo Estuary.

In Belem, you can stroll along the Tejo Estuary where you can find important landmarks...

- **Padrão dos Descobrimentos (Monument to the Discoveries):** This monument built of concrete, rose-tinted stone and sculptures built from limestone masonry was created by Cottinelli Telmo and the sculptor Leopoldo de Almeida. In 1940 was first built as a project of the Portuguese World Exhibition, then in 1960 was reconstructed to commemorate 500 years since the death of the Infante Dom Henrique (Henry the Navigator). This monument represents a caravel setting sail with Henry the Navigator at its bow. Along the two ascending ramps leading to the symbolic Prince, you'll encounter 32 historic figures from Portugal's overseas expansion and the age of the Discoveries. These figures include navigators, cartographers, warriors, colonizers, missionaries, chroniclers, and artists, each depicted with symbolic elements that reflect their unique contributions and identities. Explore this historical tribute to Portugal's exploration heritage and the different important characters who shaped it.
- **Torre de Belem (Belem Tower):** With its decorative battlements and Arabic design, this monument was a fortified lighthouse that guarded the entrance to the port. Built between 1515 - 1519 in Manueline style by the architect Francisco de Arruda and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1983. Its distinctive design represents maritime motifs, including intricate stone carvings of ropes, anchors, and sea creatures. The tower's four-tiered structure includes battlements, turrets, and a main keep.
- **Mosteiro dos Jeronimos (Jeronimos Monastery):** This monument reflects a visionary founder's ambition which received substantial financial support from the Portuguese crown. Its construction was extended over a century, involving talented architects and builders from different parts of the world. The monastery boasts stunning Manueline-style designs, inspired by the sea. Some features that stand out are Santa Maria Church, the cloisters, and the monastic rooms. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1983 and reflects the architectural and artistic excellence of its era during Lisbon's golden age in the 16th century.

Lisbon is also home to a delicious traditional pastry, **Pasteis de Nata**. They are Portuguese signature pastries that have a deep cultural significance in Lisbon even back before the 18th century. In Portuguese convents, there was usually an abundance of eggs that were used to starch the clothes of the friars and nuns. With the leftover eggs, it was popular to make pastries in the convents. With egg being one of the main ingredients, this is how the Portuguese custard tart originated in the Jeronimos Monastery. This sweet is renowned for its delicious combination of flaky pastry and creamy custard filling. Since then they have been a symbol of Lisbon's culinary tradition and heritage, enjoyed by both locals and tourists alike. They're often a centerpiece in social gatherings and a must-try treat for anyone visiting the city.

Day by day itinerary

DAY 1: LISBON

- Your Private English-speaking guide and driver will pick you up from your hotel or cruise ship port
- Enjoy a half-day visit to Lisbon city's important sites: Jeronimos Monastery & Belem Tower, etc... (**NOTE:** Please keep in mind that Belem Tower is closed on Mondays, so it will be seen from the outside only.)
- Walk through the historical Alfama quarter, etc.
- Your driver-guide will take you back to your hotel or cruise ship and say the final goodbye.

END OF TOUR SERVICES

Included

- Transportation in a fully-equipped vehicle which changes depending on group size (See **Transportation** section)
- Private English-Speaking Chauffeur
- English-Speaking Official Local Guide
- Entrance fees when with a local guide
- Local Taxes

Excluded

- Transfers not specified in the itinerary
- Beverages not specified in selected meals
- Meals not specified in itinerary
- Personal & Travel Insurance
- Tip and Gratuities to Chauffeur and Local guide

Pick up

- Hotels or apartments within city limits
- Airport
- Train Station
- Bus Station
- Cruise Ship Port
- Other locations on request at time of booking

Drop off

- Hotels or apartments within city limits
- Airport
- Train Station

- Bus Station
- Cruise Ship Port
- Other locations on request at time of booking

Cancellation policy

- Up to 48 hrs before: **Fully Refundable**
- Under 48 hrs : **100% Non-Refundable**

Transport

- Mercedes Benz E Class Sedan Car (1 to 3 People)
- Mercedes Benz V Minivan (4 to 7 People)
- Minibus or Bus (8 to 18 People)

NOTE: Or similar type vehicles in the same class as mentioned above.

Map

